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DECLARATION

Dear Sir/Madam:

Charles M. Schmeichel declares that he is the inventor of the invention described in the above-identified Application; he believes U.S. Patent No. 5,906,407 is wholly or partly inoperative by reason of the patentee claiming less than the patentee had a right to claim in the patent; he believes all errors being corrected in the present reissue application up to the time of filing of the oath or declaration under this paragraph arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicant; that new claims are necessary to adequately claim the full scope of his invention and to provide applicant with the full scope of patent protection allowed under U.S. Patent Laws; that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18, United

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